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SUBJ: LITIGATION UPDATE-GOGOS V US AND PATSAS

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(B) AMEBASSY, ATHENS 111600Z MAR 77 MSG (C)
(C) HQ AAFES 161943Z MAR 77 MSG

THE AMEBASSY, ATHENS, HAS APPROACHED THE GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTRY (MFA) SEEKING RESOLUTION OF THE INDIGENOUS
DRIVER IMPASSE. ALTHOUGH THE GREEK MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS APPEARS TO APPRECIATE THE
US POSITION (REF B), A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION WILL NOT BE
EFFECTED IN TIME TO AVOID THE TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
22 MAR 77. THEREFORE, IT APPEARS THAT THE LAWSUIT AND THE
LARGER INDIGENOUS DRIVER ISSUE MUST BE VIEWED AND RESOLVED
SEPARATELY.

A. LAWSUIT. THE AMEBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A PRE-
TRIAL SETTLEMENT (REF C) WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE US POSITION
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ON THE INDIGENOUS DRIVER ISSUE. FURTHER, UNLESS THE CASE
IS SETTLED, THE AAFES EMPLOYEE DEFENDANT WILL HAVE TO APPEAR
AT TRIAL. ALTHOUGH HE COULD REQUEST A DELAY ON A RESPONDEAT
SUPERIOR ARGUMENT, THE AMEBASSY GREEK ATTORNEY DOUBTS THAT A
POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE GRANTED. IF THE EMPLOYEE DEFENDANT
FAILS TO APPEAR, HE WILL SUFFER A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND AN
ORDER OF ATTACHMENT WILL BE ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS

AFTER TRIAL.

B. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. THE AMEBASSY APPROACH TO THE GREEK MFA HAS RESULTED IN ORAL CONFIRMATION THAT AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT TO SETTLE INDIGENOUS DRIVER CLAIMS WAS IN EFFECT DURING 1973-74, BUT THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS ONLY TEMPORARY TO RESOLVE THEN-PENDING CASES THE MFA HAS NOW UNDERTAKEN A REVIEEW OF THE ENTIRE MATTER AND WILL PROVIDE AMEBASSY A FORMAL POSITION. SHOULD THIS POSITION FAIL TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE, IT WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR HIGHER-LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS. ALTHOUGH AMEBASSY CONSIDERED IMMEDIATE PREPARATION OF A NOTE VERBALE, THE LESS FORMAL APPROACH HAS RECENTLY PROVEN QUITE EFFECTIVE IN RESOLVING COMPLEX AND LONG-STANDING DIPLOMATIC ISSUES.

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